

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8 to 24 and 27 to 31 are present. These claims (except for the amendments to Claims 5, 21, 27, 29 and 30 set out above) were previously allowed in a Notice of Allowance mailed October 21, 2003.

Claim 5 has been amended to include the words "or higher" after "4.5" at the last line thereof.

Claim 27 has been placed in independent form. Claim 21 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 25 and 30 have been amended to define ddl.

In an Examiner's Amendment mailed October 21, 2003, the Examiner amended Claim 5, line 7 as follows

"Claim 5, line 7, after the phrase "and the enteric coating", the phrase
", wherein the weight ratio of enteric coating to core is between 0.05:1 to about 0.6:1,
and wherein the enteric coating should provide protection of the medicament at a pH
less than 3 but will permit drug release at a pH of 4.5" has been inserted."


Applicants have now added the words "or higher" after "4.5". Basis for this amendment is found in the Specification at page 7, lines 18 to 22. This is the only substantive change in the claims as originally allowed.

It is believed that amended Claim 5 and the remaining Claims 8 to 24 and 27 to 31 are patentable for the same reasons that the Examiner allowed these Claims in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 21, 2003.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that Claims 5, 8 to 24 and 27 to 31 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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